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New El Dorado Nature Center Entryway Dedicated



Cutting the Ribbon Front Row, L-R: LBPRM Director Marie Knight, Parks and Recreation Commissioner David Zanatta, Councilmember Daryl Supernaw, Mayor Robert Garcia, Recreation Superintendent Joy Warren, and El Dorado Nature Center Supervisor Meaghan O'Neill

The public joined Mayor Robert Garcia, Councilmember Daryl Supernaw and staff from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Department of Public Works to dedicate the new El Dorado Nature Center entryway and plaza on May 20, 2017.

The El Dorado Nature Center has been connecting people and nature in Long Beach for over 48 years. The new entryway and plaza adds more function and flexibility to further these connections and to foster a sense of respect and stewardship of the natural world. The project includes:

- ◆ New monument sign visible from Spring Street
- ◆ New gateway including a separate Tour Group Entrance
- ◆ Walkways that represent the San Gabriel River watershed that surrounds the Nature Center
- ◆ Improved interior signage
- ◆ New amphitheater with seating for 80, for educational sessions and special events
- ◆ Children's exploration area
- ◆ ADA-compliant pedestrian bridge connecting to the Nature Center building and trails
- ◆ Improved drainage and lighting
- ◆ Museum improvements



LBPRM has been working on projects identified in the El Dorado Nature Center Master Plan since 2010. The half-mile stream and sections of the trail have been renovated, and seven pedestrian bridges have been replaced.

The new entry way and plaza was funded with \$200,000 from California Proposition 84 through the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, \$30,000 from the Center for Natural Land Management, and \$1,215,000 in General Funds approved by Council as part of the FY13 and FY14 CIP budgets.





Pop Vinyl Kicks Off the 100 Days of Summer



Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine started off the "100 Days of Summer" in Long Beach with a free concert by Pop Vinyl on May 26 at Marine Stadium.

Pop Vinyl, known as Southern California's number one dance band, played high energy '70s, '80s, and '90s tunes in a nonstop DJ style that had the crowd singing, dancing and having a great time all evening.

The evening featured a Kids' Zone with moon bounces, face painting, balloon animals and other fun activities. The Greasy Weiner, Chubbee Monkee and Blast Ice Cream food trucks made dinner planning easy for concert goers.

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau teamed up for the 8th year in a row to offer www.100daysofsummer.org, a searchable calendar of free concerts and movies, extended recreation program hours at parks offering the BE S.A.F.E. (Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment) program, El Dorado Nature Center and historic site events, and ideas for spontaneous fun like hiking, biking, golf, tennis, swimming, and youth and teen programs.



Concert goers had plenty of dining options from a variety of food trucks serving delicious fare.

Long Beach Animal Care Services brought their new adoption vehicle to the event to showcase great dogs and cats that needed new forever homes.



By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services - April 2017

Permits to Gather.....	157
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	11
Number of Contract Classes.....	244
Facility Use Permits Issued.....	61
Field Use Permits Issues.....	46
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	1,139
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries.....	15,004
Adult Sports League Participants.....	9,608
Visits to City Pools.....	17,040
Youth and Teen Participants.....	36,062
Senior Citizen Participants.....	29,379
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center.....	32,896

Enjoy Live Music Under the Stars During the 100 Days of Summer



Long Beach Municipal Band

The Long Beach Municipal Band is celebrating its 108th year with a six-week season from June 27 to August 4. (No concert July 4). Free. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: June 27 & July 11 @ Whaley Park, July 18 & 25 @ Bluff Park, August 1 @ Veterans Park
Wednesday: June 28 - August 2 – Los Cerritos Park
Thursdays: June 29 - August 3 – Marine Stadium
Fridays: June 30 – August 4 – El Dorado Park West

Visit www.lbparks.org or www.100daysofsummer.org for weekly music themes, guest artists and food trucks.



El Dorado Nature Center Summer Concerts

Great concerts are scheduled this summer at the new El Dorado Nature Center amphitheater. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the show is from 7-8 p.m. \$3 donations at the gate go to Friends of El Dorado Nature Center/Partners of Parks to support education programs, volunteers programs and habitat restoration. \$7 Regional Park vehicle entry fee. Bring low chairs or blankets and an earth-friendly picnic dinner.

June 29 - The Salty Suites

Hear the expertise of Salty Suites in original compositions and covers ranging from old Ireland to current hits.

July 13 - Big City Hillbillies

The Big City Hillbillies' play the rockin' country sounds of today's new country music.

July 27 - Corday

Listen to the classic rock sounds of Corday.

August 10 - Steel Parade

Enjoy rhythmic steel drum Calypso music.

August 24 - Sligo Rags

Enjoy a sunset picnic by the lake and hear music with a blend of Celtic, Jazz and Bluegrass influences.

Rancho Los Cerritos Summer Concerts

Pack a picnic dinner and invite friends and family for a free concert on the historic grounds. Gates open for picnicking at 4:30 p.m., with music from 5:30-7 p.m. The adobe home will remain open for self-paced tours until intermission. Free. Sorry, no pets allowed.

June 25, The Mastersons

Hear this L.A.-based duo perform country rock sounds

July 23, Calico, The Band

Hear "California Country" music

August 27, Pearl Charles

'60s and '70s inspired L.A. rock and folk

Shoreline Symphonic Winds

Free performances of orchestra and band favorites begin at 7 p.m. before "Movies in the Park" at dusk.

June 21 - Bixby Park

Movie: *Star Wars: Rogue One*

June 30 - Long Beach Senior Center (11 a.m.)

July 12 - Martin Luther King Jr. Park

Movie: *Pete's Dragon*

July 21 - Orizaba Park

Movie: *The Jungle Book*

July 24 - Drake Park

Movie: *Lego Batman Movie*

August 11 - Stearns-Champions Park

Movie: *A Dog's Purpose*

August 23 - Wardlow Park

Movie: *Beauty and the Beast*

LBPRM In Top 24 Of Park Systems in U.S.

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM) ranks 24th among the 100 largest U.S. city park systems in the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) 2017 ParkScore® Index Survey. TPL creates parks and protects land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for future generations.

The TPL Report ranks parks according to access, the percentage of residents who have a park within a half-mile of their home, median park size, the percentage of total city area dedicated to parks and City park spending per resident.

LBPRM strives to provide more recreational open space within walking distance of residents. The new Gumbiner Park opened in downtown in April. By the end of 2017, a new 12-acre wetlands at Willow Spring Park will open, and new soccer fields and a greenbelt will connect Cesar Chavez, Drake and Loma Vista Parks.

The report commended LBPRM for its walkable park access. A total of 81 percent of residents live within a 10-minute walk to a park. LBPRM also stood out for the number of off-leash dog recreation areas, and recreation and senior centers serving residents throughout the City.

For more information, visit parkscore.tpl.org.



Robert Gumbiner Park serves downtown Long Beach residents with play equipment, a skate park and activity space.



One acre of wetlands and 10 acres of uplands are being restored at the 48-acre Willow Springs Park to create habitat for native animals. The project extends the three acres of park restored at Longview Point in 2012. Walking trails will connect Longview Point to the newly restored areas.



The 8.75-acre Drake/Chavez soccer field includes a striped artificial field, large grass area, landscaped open space area, a pedestrian trail and on-site parking.

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau - May 2017

Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Total number of persons enrolled in the program for May.....	99
Total number of CSW Hours for May.....	2,524
Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay.....	31
<i>(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....	359
<i>(Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....	614
<i>(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....	290
<i>(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....	193
<i>(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....	347
<i>(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other Various Wetlands)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....	690
<i>(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)</i>	

During the month of May the program continued to operate efficiently with Community Service Workers playing a key role in helping the Department meet its objectives.

Work orders completed.....	521
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide.....	172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily.....	28

Park acres maintained

Park turf.....	814
Park landscape.....	2,310
Street (medians) turf.....	53
Street landscape.....	143

Water Use:

MOB GP105 Water cost & Consumption for March, 2017	
Parks and Street Island Potable.....	4,314.....\$40,893
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....	3,254.....\$12,066

Lastest Colorado Lagoon Restorations Open to the Public



On May 20, 2017, the public celebrated the completion of the latest phase of the Colorado Lagoon restoration.

Since 2009, restoration efforts have been underway to restore Colorado Lagoon's ecosystem, improve its water quality and enhance recreation facilities.

The 18-acre Colorado Lagoon is historically part of the greater Los Cerritos Wetlands, which once totaled approximately 2,400 acres in east Long Beach.

In 2010, an underground culvert was cleaned to improve water circulation with Alamitos Bay. Bioswales were installed to naturally filter out storm water contaminants, and trash traps and a low-flow diversion system were added to divert some of the most heavily contaminated storm water into the sewage system. In addition, the Los Angeles County Termino Avenue Storm Drain Project included a low-flow diversion system and other water quality improvements that benefit the Colorado Lagoon.

In 2012, approximately 63,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment was dredged from the lagoon, which is one of the area's only coastal salt marsh lagoons.

A goal of the restoration efforts is to create additional ecological resources for aquatic life as well as birds. In September 2016, crews began to dredge and move sediment from the central basin to the north arm of the lagoon, near Monrovia Avenue, where the water will become shallower. This creates hydrological conditions for eelgrass, salt marsh, sage scrub and freshwater plants to grow, which will greatly enhance the ecological value of the Lagoon. The creation of new intertidal and shallow subtidal habitat and eelgrass beds will provide foraging for local birds.



Other improvements in the \$3.2 million project included replacing the asphalt road with a vegetated bioswale to help remove pollution from surface runoff water and a pedestrian trail, extending and reinforcing the floating pier and footbridge to span the expanded subtidal areas and replacing the stairs with ADA-compliant ramps. Pedestrian amenities such as log seating, benches, bike racks and interpretative signage were installed. Improvements on the north side of the Lagoon include a new reclaimed water irrigation system and replanting with native species.

The Tidelands Fund, which supports projects along the coast, funded the project.

The final component of the Colorado Lagoon's approved master restoration plan will be to create an open channel between the Colorado Lagoon and Marine Stadium to allow tidal action to carry water in and out of lagoon. The City continues to work closely with its State and Federal Agency partners, as well as the Port of Long Beach, on the funding and construction of the upcoming open channel.

For more information, visit www.longbeach.gov/citymanager/tidelands-capital-improvement-division/.

Leeway Sailing Center Spruced Up In Time For Summer



The Leeway Sailing Center recently received a fresh coat of paint and a slightly more contemporary look, with a red door and black accents giving it a Cape Cod look. New signage is also being planned.

The Leeway Sailing and Aquatics Center at 5437 E. Ocean Blvd., has had "the wind at its back" since 1929 when Recreation staff began to teach local youth the basics of sailing. Classes are offered throughout the year in sailing, kayaking, and canoeing. Group, private and semi-private lessons are available. For information, call 562. 570.1719.

Downtown Fitness Loop Dedicated



L-R: Elvira Hallinan, Manager of the Marine Bureau, a young park patron and Mayor Robert Garica cut the ribbon on a fitness station to officially open the Downtown Fitness Loop.

A dedication ceremony was held for the new Downtown Fitness Loop on June 3, at 160 E. Shoreline Drive.

"The Downtown Fitness Loop is the eighth free Fitness Loop developed in Long Beach. These easy-to-use outdoor gyms create a fun, accessible, and social environment where people can enjoy getting fit by using top-quality exercise equipment and stations suitable for all fitness levels," said Mayor Robert Garcia.

The Loop is a 4.8-mile walking/running path bordered by Alamitos Avenue, East Shoreline Drive, Aquarium Road, West Shoreline Drive and Ocean Blvd. The loop's distance markers connect fitness equipment stations, allowing exercisers to develop a routine suited for their fitness level.

Throughout the path, five active stations such as pull-up/dip bars, and six passive stations such as balance stretch and squats are positioned.

Free outdoor fitness loops are also available at Admiral Kidd, Bixby, Houghton, Coolidge, Orizaba, Chavez and 14th Street Parks.

The Loop complements the new Beach Pedestrian Path and Bixby Park Fitness Loop to provide a range of "easily access free fitness equipment will improve health and mobility for residents."

The total project cost is approximately \$70,000, and is supported with one-time infrastructure funds from the Second District Council Office.



Employee of the Month:



Jeff King is an exemplary employee who is truly dedicated to his work. His co-workers count on Jeff to assist them in anything that is asked. Words like "I can't" or "I don't know" are not in his vocabulary. For this reason, Jeff is a role model for other employees. He continuously makes improvements

in his area of responsibility, as a Gardener II in the Rainbow Harbor Grounds operation. Whether he is re-landscaping large areas of the property or planting new annual flowers at park entrances, Jeff works hard to beautify areas for residents and visitors.

Jeff enjoys his days off by spending time with his wife and children. If he is not devoting his off time to his church, you can find him walking Huntington Beach's Main Street and Pier.

Going Once, Going Twice - SOLD!



The Long Beach Marine Bureau will hold an auction of impounded and abandoned vessels on Saturday, June 17 at the Alamitos Bay Marina Office, 205 N. Marina Dr.

Inspection and registration begin at 8 a.m. and the bidding begins at 9 a.m.

For more information, call Vilma Hernandez at 562.570.3215.

Know Your Long Beach Parks: Marina Vista Park



Marina Vista Park is the site of many great summer concerts as well as year-round tennis classes, drop-in basketball games, and soccer and softball leagues.

Located at Colorado Street at Eliot Street, the 18.2-acre park opened 1982. The land for the site was purchased by the City of Long Beach in 1923 as part of the acquisition that included Marine Stadium, Colorado Lagoon and Recreation Park. The original park facilities included a baseball field, and a soccer field.



Pop Vinyl kicks off the 100 Days of Summer with a free concert at the southwest corner of the park near Marine Stadium

In the 1990s, the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Act funded new improvements including night lighting for the baseball field along with a new backstop, dugouts, fencing and landscaping. A free-

standing restroom was added in 1992. In 1996, a bicycle path was added crossing the park and connecting to the bicycle path down Boathouse Lane to the Pete Archer Rowing Center and Jack Dunster Marine Preserve. In 1998, the playground and tennis court were completed.



Play equipment under a shade structure is located east of the tennis courts

LBPRM conducts youth and adult tennis classes at the Marina Vista Park Tennis Courts.



A new sports court for basketball and foursquare west of the tennis courts opened in March.

Rainbow Harbor Dock 2 Beautification Project

The Rainbow Harbor Grounds Maintenance Division is tasked with keeping one of the City's major tourist destinations looking great. Recently, the team worked near Dock 2 to remove four dying Juniper trees and grind out the stumps. While the area looked much better, there was an open spot that needed to be filled.

Coincidentally, the Aquarium of the Pacific contacted Gardner Jeff King about a palm tree that they wished to relocate before the demolition of an area for their new expansion project. The crew arranged support to transplant this palm from Aquarium to the planter by Dock 2.

Staff and grounds contractors potted plants in the planter prior to the tree installation and then re-planted them after it was done. They also put a covering of mulch to freshen up the area, installed two bubbler heads to provide water and capped the old lines at the Aquarium.

The team made a big difference in a highly visible area.



Area before" with dying Juniper trees



Ponytail palm tree transfer



Tree planting



"After" freshly planted area

June - July 2017 Calendar of Events

June

Mon. 19:	11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Open Hours Open Hours Dusk	Day Camps, Fun Days & Be SAFE Programs Start New M/W Swim Lesson Sessions Begin New Tu/Th Swim Lesson Sessions Begin Movie in the Park: Star Wars Rogue One	Visit www.lbparks.org Belmont Plaza Pool Belmont Plaza Pool Signal Hill Park Bixby Park Houghton Park El Dorado Park West El Dorado Nature Ctr. Rancho Los Cerritos Belmont Plaza; King & Silverado Pools Rancho Los Cerritos Veterans Park Whaley Park Pan American Park Los Cerritos Park Admiral Kidd Park El Dorado Nature Ctr. Marine Stadium Whaley Park El Dorado Park West
Wed. 21:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Star Wars Rogue One	
Th. 22:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Star Wars Rogue One	
Fri. 23:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Star Wars Rogue One	
Sat. 24:	1 p.m. 7 p.m. Open Hours	*Backyard Butterfly Event *Living History Event "Mark Twain/Jedediah Smith" New Sat. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin Free Concert: "The Mastersons"	
Sun. 25:	5:30 p.m.	Movie in the Park: "Sing"	
Mon. 26:	Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	
Tue 27:	6:30 p.m.	Movie in the Park: "Sing"	
Wed. 28:	Dusk 6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: "Queen of Katwe"	
Th. 29:	Dusk 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Concert: The "Salty Suites," \$3 Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: "Sing"	
Fri. 30:	Dusk 6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	

July

Mon. 3:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Angry Birds	Grace Park
Tue. 4:		Independence Day Holiday	
Wed. 5:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Angry Birds	Los Cerritos Park Cherry Park Marine Stadium Admiral Park El Dorado Park West Chavez Park Rancho Los Cerritos 855 Elm Avenue DeForest Park Whaley Park Los Cerritos Park M.L. King Jr. Park Marine Stadium El Dorado Nature Center Seaside Park El Dorado Park West College Estates Park MacArthur Park Bluff Park Los Cerritos Park Admiral Kidd Park Marine Stadium Ramona Park El Dorado Park West Orizaba Park Rancho Los Cerritos Drake Park Bluff Park Los Cerritos Park Somerset Park Marine Stadium El Dorado Nature Center Silverado Park El Dorado Park West Houghton Park
Th. 6:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Alice Through The Looking Glass	
Fri. 7:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Angry Birds	
Sun 9:	12:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Mud Mania – A Celebration of Adobe DanceFest – Homeland Center Performing Arts Showcase	
Mon. 10:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Pete's Dragon	
Tue. 11:	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	
Wed. 12:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Pete's Dragon	
Th. 13:	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Big City Hillbillies Concert Movie in the Park: Ghostbusters	
Fri. 14:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Pete's Dragon	
Mon. 17:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Jungle Book	
Tue. 18:	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	
Wed. 19:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Jungle Book	
Th. 20:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Lion	
Fri. 21:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Jungle Book	
Sun 23:	4:30	Concert: Calico the Band	
Mon. 24:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Lego Batman Movie	
Tue. 25:	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	
Wed. 26:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Lego Batman Movie	
Th. 27:	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Corday Concert Movie in the Park: Power Rangers	
Fri. 28:	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Lego Batman Movie	

*Call for registration and fee information.



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